



Membership Recruitment Committee

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The Membership Recruitment Committee received 17 applications for the eleven upcoming vacant positions on the Council on Aging. Interviews of applicants were held September 28, September 29 and October 1, 2015. The committee recommends the following applicants be appointed to the Council on Aging beginning January 2016, and that two (2) alternate candidates be approved for appointment should any further vacancies occur.

1. Sheila Bartlett

Sheila is a former COA member who served two three-year terms (2008 – 2013) on the Council. During that time she was on the Senior Centers committee, and served as committee Chair for several years. Sheila works at Warm Beach Senior Community, where she has been employed since 2004. She is currently working in Community Relations at Warm Beach. Prior to that Sheila served in the US Navy for 26 years.

2. Jay Cho, Mill Creek

Jay is President of EyeCap USA, which deals with international consulting and IT consulting. Prior to that, he was Vice President of MotionCloud, Inc., which provided IT web and software technologies. He earned his BS degree and MS of Engineering in Seoul, Korea. He currently serves as a board member for the Alzheimer's Association and the Bellevue chapter of the Christian Business Men's Connection. He has volunteered as an in-person assister for the Affordable Care Act, the Alzheimer's Association, the Korean meal site and has provided interpretation services for Senior Information & Assistance. He comes highly recommended for membership by the Korean Women's Association.

3. Helen Gobin-Hansen – Tulalip

Helen has been officially appointed by the Tulalip Tribe to serve on the COA, and will be submitting her COA application soon.

4. Mike Holcomb, Snohomish

Mike is currently retired from Snohomish County PUD. Prior to working for PUD, he served as Executive Director of the American Red Cross. Previously to the Red Cross, Mike worked at Kimberly-Clark for 20 years. He received a BS in Engineering Services from the US Air Force Academy, and a MBA in Finance from the University of Wisconsin. He is currently serving as board Chair for Providence Health & Services and Snohomish County Community Services Advisory Council, where he served as past Chair.

5. Dianne Klem, Marysville

Dianne is retired after serving as executive director of Puget Sound Guardians for 22 years. Prior to that, she was president of Northwest Nutrition Services, which reviewed medical records, interviewed clients and made nutrition recommendations. She earned a BS from Loyola University in nutrition and business administration, and her MS at Rush University in Chicago. She currently serves on the Washington Association of Professional Guardians. Her volunteer experience includes volunteerism at Professional Guardian Education Committee, the Assistance League of Everett, RSVP and the National Leukemia Association. Dianne hopes to learn more about the current needs of older adults and to support and facilitate programs that improve and create quality of life.

6. Kris Lau, Snohomish

Kris is owner and a licensed mental health clinician psychotherapist at Aleta Wellness Counseling in Everett, which provides individual therapy for older adults, caregivers and family members. Prior to that she worked as a mental health specialist at Senior Services of Snohomish County, where she performed depression screenings and counseling. Kris earned a BA from Syracuse University and her MA from City University. Her previous volunteer experience includes time volunteering for the American Mobility Association (Puget Sound chapter) and the Puget Sound Research Forum. She sees her participation on the COA as an opportunity to give back to the community and the older adults of Snohomish County.

7. Robert (Bob) Lee, Everett

Bob is a retired professor from the University of Washington. During his almost 30 years at UW, he taught, did departmental and college administration, grant writing and program development. Prior to the UW, he was an assistant professor at the University of California, Berkeley. His own area of study was Forest Science. His volunteer involvement has included serving on the advisory boards for three scientific journals and two academic programs, Camp Brotherhood, Temperate Forest Foundation (chair) and multiple church involvements. Through his membership on the COA, he hopes to help promote services to reduce isolation of older adults and disabled persons.

8. Patrick Mahoney, Brier

Pat is also a returning member, in fact he and Sheila Bartlett both served on the COA during the exact same time. Pat served as COA Chair for two years during his time on the Council. Like Sheila, Pat brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the COA. Pat is retired, after a long career in hospital management. He worked as CEO of Affiliated Health Services from 1987 – 2002. Pat graduated from Seattle University with a BS in Finance, and Xavier University with a Master of Hospital and Health Administration. He has a very extensive history of community and volunteer participation, including numerous boards and committees. He is currently actively volunteering as a Patient Volunteer with Providence Hospice and Homecare.

9. Kim Manus, Lake Stevens

Kim is currently working as Executive Director at Windsor Square Senior Living in Marysville. As director, she is responsible for operations and budgetary oversight. Prior to working at Windsor Square, she was employed at The Terrace at Beverly Lake in Everett. She has studied at South Puget Sound in Olympia and Lake Washington Technical College in Kirkland. She has had training in caregiving, administer training, boarding home administration and has taught CPR and First Aid. Kim has volunteered for the American Cancer Association's Relay for Life and the Alzheimer's Association. She hopes to give back to the community and be a voice for seniors in Snohomish County. Kim is currently writing children's books about aging.

10. Kristen Thorstenson, Everett

Kristen is currently employed as a Community Resource Specialist for Snohomish County Fire District 1. She is the founder/CEO of Safe Keepers, which provides child injury prevention and public education regarding child passenger safety. Kristen worked for the Marysville Fire District as the Public Information Officer for three years prior to starting Safe Keepers. She has been very active in child safety and older adult falls prevention. Her volunteer participation has included Safe Kids Snohomish County, Sting Ray Swim Club, North Region EMS and Trauma Council Injury Prevention and the WA State Falls Prevention Committee.

11. Dennis Wheeler, Edmonds

Dennis is retired, but is volunteering as an AARP Fraud Fighter. Until 2014, he worked as Regional Manager at Elkay Plastics, and prior to that he worked as a Vice President at Western Paper for three years. Dennis studied at Portland CC, Pacific Lutheran University and Michigan State. He has had classes in management, sales training, retirement planning and Coast Guard Axillary. He has served on his condo association for 18 years. Dennis is active with the AARP Fraud Watch Network and works at the National Call Center in north Seattle. He hopes to assist the Council in order to secure the independence and dignity of older residents.

Two alternate nominees were also identified:

1. Judith Sproul, Everett

Judith is retired after working for 23 years for the Falmouth Public Schools as a school psychologist. Judith studied at Lehman College in Bronx, NY and the University of New England, where she earned her Master's degree in School Psychology. Her volunteer experience includes time spent serving at Jackson Elementary, an interfaith shelter, Green Everett and the Everett Arboretum. She moved to this area from Maine, she hopes to learn more about the area and the relevant issues related to seniors and people with disabilities in Snohomish County.

2. Harold (Hal) Howard, Mill Creek

Hal has been retired over five years after a career in sales manager, regional manager, international product manager and Laboratory Director. She has volunteered with the SHIBA program for over three years. He hopes to understand the programs for older adults that have been established to address the needs of seniors and people with disabilities in Snohomish County.

In addition, the committee recommends that the following six (6) members be re-appointed for a 2nd term:

- Jennifer Yuen
- Mike Lillie
- Janet Johnson
- Jan Wrathall
- Tracy Cuajao
- So Ying Wong.

MOTION: THE COUNCIL ON AGING PROPOSES THE ELEVEN (11) NEW, TWO (2) ALTERNATE, AND SIX (6) RETURNING 2ND TERM APPLICANTS LISTED ABOVE BE FORWARDED TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE FOR RECOMMENDATION AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE 2016 COUNCIL ON AGING.